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SUBJECT: DENKTASH PROTESTS EC-CYPRUS ASSOCIATION EXTENSION
AGREEMENT

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 7679; (B) BRUSSELS 5599

1. TURK CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH ANNOUNCED JULY 8 THAT THE
REPORTED RECENT EXTENSION OF THE EC-CYPRUS ASSOCIATION
AGREEMENT (REFTELS), WAS ARRIVED AT, HE SAID "WITHOUT TAKING
INTO ACCOUNT THE JUSTIFIED DEMANDS OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT
SIDE," AND WOULD "PUSH THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS INTO AN
IMPASSE."

2. ON JULY 12 DENKTASH RELEASED THE TEXT OF "LETTER
OF PROTEST" SENT ON JULY 4 TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EC COUNCIL
AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE EC COMMISSION. DENKTASH ACCUSED
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THE EC REPRESENTATIVES OF RENEGING ON PLEDGES GIVEN TO THE
TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS IN BRUSSELS LAST MAY.
THE KEY AGGRAVATION SEEMS TO BE THE USE OF THE PHRASE
"CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS," RATHER
THAN THE TURKISH CYPRIOT-PREFERRED "CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES
IN CYPRUS." THE LETTER ALSO NOTED THAT THE EC REPRE-
SENTATIVES HAD AGREED TO MAKE EFFORTS TO "FORMULATE A

SUITABLE MECHANISM ENABLING THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY TO BENEFIT ALSO FROM THE PROPOSED FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT."

3. DENKTASH STATED IN THE LETTER THAT THE NEW AGREEMENT "WOULD NOT BE BINDING" ON THE TFSC AND CONCLUDED IN A SOMEWHAT HEAVY-HANDED FASHION THAT, IN VIEW OF THE ECONOMIC DISPARITY BETWEEN THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES, THE "EC'S ONE-SIDED MOVE OF CLOSER COOPERATION WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE WOULD TEND TO MAKE WORSE THE EXISTING DIVERGENCE BETWEEN THE ECONOMIES OF THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH, THUS MAKING INCREASINGLY REMOTE THE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS IN THE EFFORTS TO BRING THE TWO AUTONOMOUS ADMINISTRATIONS UNDER ANY FORM OF FEDERAL STRUCTURE.... UNLESS THIS AND SIMILAR PRESSURES ON THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE ARE LIFTED, NO PROGRESS CAN BE EXPECTED IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. ON THE CONTRARY THESE ONE-SIDED PRESSURES MAY EVEN CAUSE A COMPLETE BREAKDOWN OF THESE TALKS."

4. COMMENT: DENKTASH IS VENTING HIS DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE FAILURE TO HAVE LANGUAGE SUITABLE TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS INCORPORATED IN THE EXTENSION AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, BY GOING PUBLIC WITH THE TURKISH CYPRIOT DEMANDS AND BY THE SOMEWHAT EMPTY THREAT OF BREAKDOWN OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, HE HAS OF COURSE MADE EVENTUAL COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE MORE DIFFICULT AND GIVEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FURTHER EVIDENCE OF HIS BASIC DISTASTE FOR THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

5. TEXT OF LETTER BEING POUCHED TO USEEC AND EUR/SE. CRAWFORD

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